

Remarks

Claims 104-107 were pending in the subject application. By way of the amendment of this date, claims 108-109 have been added. Therefore, claims 104-109 are now before the Examiner for consideration. The subject invention provides unique and advantageous solid supports for the solid phase synthesis of polynucleotides. Certain new claims have been added for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner consistent with the Patent and Trademark Office Patent Business Goals (PBG), 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (September 8, 2000), advance prosecution, and facilitate the business interests of Applicant(s). Support for these new claims and the amendments to the pending claims can be found throughout the subject specification, including, for example, at the paragraph bridging pages 3-4; paragraph bridging pages 6-7 through page 9, lines 24. Favorable consideration of the claims now presented, in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein, is earnestly solicited.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the amendments to the claims, the applicant believes that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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Applicants also invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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